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## Market Alerts

**Apples** – Markets are reacting to current retail/export demand coupled with increasing, week-to-week, foodservice demand.

**Asparagus** – This market will continue to be strong all week. Supplies are light out of Mexico and Peru.

**Avocados** – Demand is good and markets are steady. Mexico peaking on 60's and plenty of opportunity there. California peaking on 48's and plenty of opportunity buys available.

**Bell Peppers** – Increased demand, transitioning to new growing region, some gapping anticipated.

**Berries (blackberries)** – Quality and market are steady.

**Berries (blueberries)** – Quality and market are steady, there are short term deals being made on organics.

**Berries (raspberries)** – Quality and market are steady.

**Berries (strawberries)** – Premium weather should provide an abundance of good quality berries on into next week.

**Broccoli** – Steady supplies all week.

**Brussels Sprouts** – Light supplies all week. Expect a strong market and escalated pricing.

**Carrots** – Very limited availability on the Snack Pack varieties at all shippers.

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**Cauliflower** – Steady availability in northern and southern California.

**Celery** – Lighter supplies daily. This market will be active all week.

**Cherries** – Beginning to see CA supplies increase as warm weather pushes harvest forward approximately 10 days in some areas. Prices should begin to decrease as volume ramps up.

**Citrus (Lemons)** – Steady supplies on all sizes with good quality.

**Citrus (Limes)** – Good supplies this week, quality looks great.

**Citrus (Oranges)** – Small sizes 113/138's are very limited with active and firm markets. Opportunity buys on large sized fruit. Vals are also available but limited.

**Cucumbers** – Good supplies and quality opportunity buys!

**Eggplant** – Peaking on very small sizes (32ct) with limited supplies on 18ct and 24ct.

**Grapes (Green)** – We recommend switching to Mexican harvest as soon as possible. Storage crop is showing quality issues.

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**Green Onion** – Moderate supplies from Mexico. Trucks being able to cross the border the biggest issue.

**Lettuce (Iceberg)** – Definite price gaps in the market. This will continue for the week.

**Lettuce Leaf** – Steady supplies all week.

**Melons (cantalope)** – Demand remains strong and markets are active. Availability on offshore fruit is very limited. Mexican fruit loading in Nogales best option. Transition into domestic 5/2

**Melons (honeydew)** – Demand remains strong and markets are active. Availability on offshore fruit is very limited. Mexican Melons loading in Nogales best option. Transition into domestic 5/25

**Melons (watermelon)** – Demand is strong and availability is limited. Market to remain active into Memorial Day.

**Onions** – Northwest storage will finish up over the next 7-10 days. Texas will transition to Uvalde; California desert fresh run available now. New Mexico to start with light supplies this week.

**Pears** – Markets remain steady with good sup-

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## Market Alerts Cont.

**Pineapples** – Strong demand for Mother's Day pull. Steady supplies out most loading locations, quality looks great.

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**Potatoes** – Large size potatoes are in light supplies. Markets are climbing as Burbanks are the main variety with a smaller size profile. Demand is increasing.

**Squash** – Good supplies and quality across all sizes and packs.

**Stone Fruit** – California harvest has started with peaches. Nectarines will ramp up next week. Plums will start later this month.

**Tomatoes** – Vine Ripe tomatoes from Mexico are in a critical state while programs transition. Romas have begun to improve this week already but it may not be until this time next week before the round market begins to subside.

## Weather Updates

**California** – Warm temperatures into the weekend followed by cooling trend and return of the marine layer next week.

**Mexico** – Generally seasonal temperatures with occasional scattered showers possible to the south.

**Florida** – strong storm system brings rain across the region over the weekend followed by dry conditions next week.

## Peak Seasons

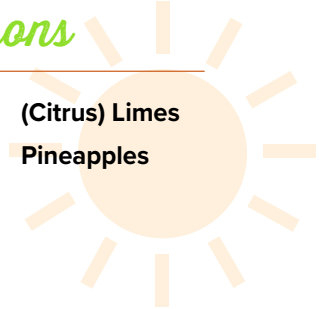
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**Pineapples**



## Freight Update

Truck availability remains steady in the Northwest and California. The national average dropped again this week and is currently at 2.399 per gallon.



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